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Thanks to warm and dry weather, Saskatchewan producers have 15 per cent of the 2016 crop seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2011-2015) seeding average for this time of year is four per cent. Many producers in the south have been seeding for several weeks, while those in the rest of the province are just getting into the field.

One year ago

Fourteen per cent of the 2015 crop had been seeded thanks to warm and dry weather. Thirty-two per cent of the field peas had been seeded, 29 per cent of the lentils, 33 per cent of the mustard, 25 per cent of the durum and eight per cent of the spring wheat and canola.

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Seeding is most advanced in the southwest, where producers have 35 per cent of the crop in the ground. Eighteen per cent of the crop is seeded in the southeast; six per cent in the west-central region; three per cent in the northwest; two per cent in the east-central region; and one per cent in the northeast.

Provincially, 35 per cent of the lentils have been seeded; 31 per cent of the field peas; 26 per cent of the mustard; 24 per cent of the chickpeas; 22 per cent of the durum; 15 per cent of the soybeans; 11 per cent of the barley; nine per cent of the flax; eight per cent of the canola; seven per cent of the spring wheat and canaryseed and six per cent of the oats.

Very little to no rain fell on the province last week, although parts of the southwest received about half an inch. Many parts of the south and west will need rain soon to help crops germinate and emerge. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and four per cent very short.

Producers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, working fields and moving cattle.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded	
All Crops	
May 2, 2016	15
5 year avg. (2011-2015)	4
10 year avg. (2006-2015)	5

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Seeding is progressing nicely in the region as 18 per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from four per cent last week. Seeding is the furthest advanced in Crop District 3ASE where 48 per cent of the crop has been seeded. CD 2A has 45 per cent seeded; 1A 14 per cent; 1B nine per cent and 2B eight per cent.

Forty-two per cent of the field peas, 30 per cent of the lentils, 22 per cent of the barley, 20 per cent of the mustard and spring wheat, 19 per cent of the durum, 15 per cent of the soybeans, 13 per cent of the canaryseed, 11 per cent of the canola and eight per cent of the flax have now been seeded.

A lack of rain this past week, coupled with very warm weather, is drying up fields in the area. Rain will be needed soon to help crops germinate and emerge and for pastures to green up. The Stoughton area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region since April 1 (45 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 42 per cent short and two per cent very short. CD 2A is reporting that 55 per cent of the cropland and 87 per cent of the hay land and pasture is short topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of winter cereals in the region came through the winter in good shape, although there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage. There have been reports of field fires in some areas and there are concerns that fields are drying up faster than expected this spring. Some producers are considering changing their seeding intentions if moisture does not arrive soon.

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Seeding Progress by Crop District		
CD	**May 2/16**	**May 4/15**
1a	14	9
1b	9	9
2a	45	24
2b	8	7
3ase	48	60
3asw	10	19
3an	42	50
3bs	35	28
3bn	38	38
4a	29	48
4b	51	27
5a	1	7
5b	<1	1
6a	3	2
6b	5	7
7a	7	11
7b	5	7
8a	2	3
8b	1	1
9ae	<1	N/A
9aw	3	5
9b	2	9

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Producers in the southwest now have 35 per cent of the crop seeded, significantly up from eight per cent last week. Crop District 4B has 51 per cent of the crop in the ground, 3AN 42 per cent, 3BN 38 per cent, 3BS 35 per cent, 4A 29 per cent and 3ASW 10 per cent.

Fifty-four per cent of the lentils, 48 per cent of the field peas, 41 per cent of the barley, 39 per cent of the canola, 31 per cent of the mustard, 28 per cent of the chickpeas and canaryseed, 27 per cent of the durum, 20 per cent of the spring wheat and 10 per cent of the flax have now been seeded.

Very little rain was received this past week, although the Shaunavon area reported 17 mm. Since April 1, the Climax area has reported the greatest amount of precipitation (81 mm) for both the region and the province. Warm temperatures, high winds and a lack of precipitation are quickly drying up many fields in the region and there are concerns that crops may not germinate or emerge in some areas. Rain will be needed soon in much of the region.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 79 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 48 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and five per cent very short. CD 3BN is reporting that 45 per cent of the cropland and 66 per cent of the hay land and pasture is short topsoil moisture, while 19 per cent of the hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of winter cereals in the region came through the winter in good shape, although there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage. Some producers are considering changing their seeding intentions if moisture does not arrive soon. There have been reports of field fires in some areas.

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East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Seeding has just begun in the area as warm and dry weather allowed many producers to hit the field. Two per cent of the crop is now seeded in the region. CD 6A has three per cent seeded, 5A has one per cent seeded and 5B has less than one per cent seeded. General seeding for the region is expected to be underway in the next week or so.

Four per cent of the lentils, three per cent of the field peas and durum, two per cent of the canola and one per cent of the spring wheat and barley have been seeded.

There were no reports of moisture this past week. The Esterhazy area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (43 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as six per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and three per cent very short.

Pastures are starting to green up and producers are moving cattle. There have been a few reports of producers combining crops left over from last fall. The majority of winter cereals in the region came through the winter in good shape, although there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage.

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West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Seeding is nicely underway in the west-central region as six per cent of the crop is now in the ground. Crop District 7A is reporting that seven per cent of the crop is seeded, while CDs 6B and 7B are both reporting five per cent. General seeding for the area will begin in the next week or so.

Eighteen per cent of the field peas, 13 per cent of the lentils, 10 per cent of the chickpeas, seven per cent of the durum and soybeans, three per cent of spring wheat and two per cent of the barley and canola have been seeded.

Very little rain fell in the region, with the Macklin area reporting the most (5 mm). The Macklin area has also recorded the greatest amount of rainfall for the region since April 1 (20 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 48 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. At this time, Crop District 7A is reporting that 56 per cent of the cropland and 51 per cent of the hay land and pasture are short topsoil moisture. A significant rain will be needed in the coming weeks to improve field and pasture conditions.

The majority of winter cereals in the region came through the winter in good shape, although there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage. Some producers are considering changing their seeding intentions if moisture does not arrive soon. There have been reports of cutworms and wireworms in some fields.

Farmers are busy working fields, seeding and controlling weeds.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Thanks to warm and dry weather, producers in the northeast now have one per cent of the crop seeded. Crop District 8A has two per cent seeded, 8B has one per cent seeded and 9AE has less than one per cent seeded at this time. It is expected that general seeding will begin this week.

Eight per cent of the field peas, three per cent of the barley and one per cent of the spring wheat and durum have now been seeded.

There were no reports of moisture this past week. Since April 1, the Arborfield area has reported the greatest amount of precipitation in the region (33 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as six per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Crop District 9AE is reporting that 15 per cent of the cropland and 13 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

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Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Seeding is underway in the region and three per cent of the crop is now in the ground. Warm and dry weather has allowed producers to get into the field much earlier than normal. Crop District 9AW is reporting that three per cent of the crop is seeded, while two per cent is seeded in CD 9B.

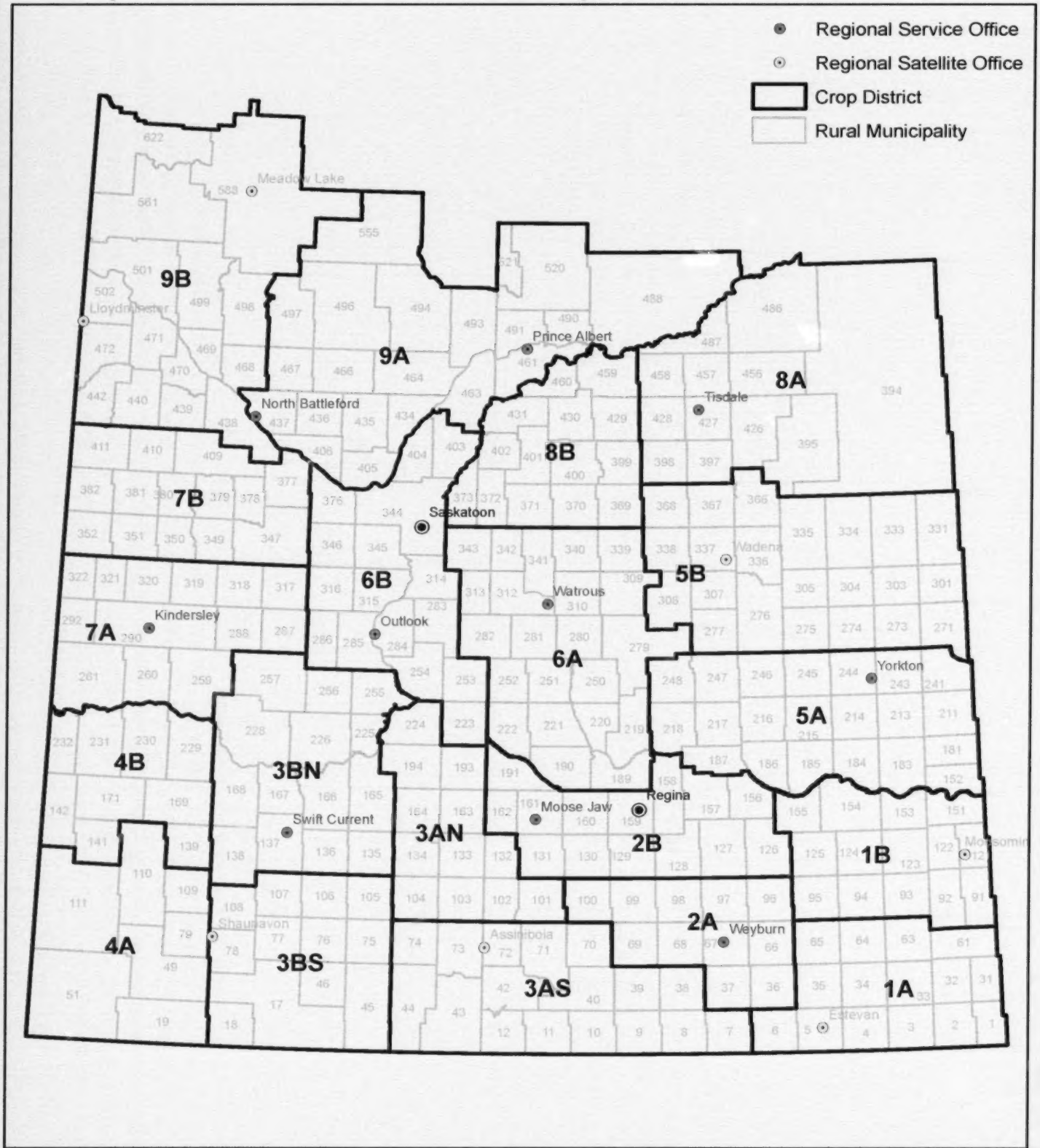
Four per cent of the field peas, three per cent of the canola and two per cent of the spring wheat have now been seeded.

Very little to no rain was reported this past week, although the Neilburg area received 0.5 mm. Since April 1, the Meadow Lake area has received 20 mm of precipitation, the greatest amount for the region.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 93 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 84 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short. At this time, Crop District 9B is reporting that 13 per cent of the cropland and 20 per cent of the hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy seeding, moving cattle, hauling grain, fixing fences and controlling weeds.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



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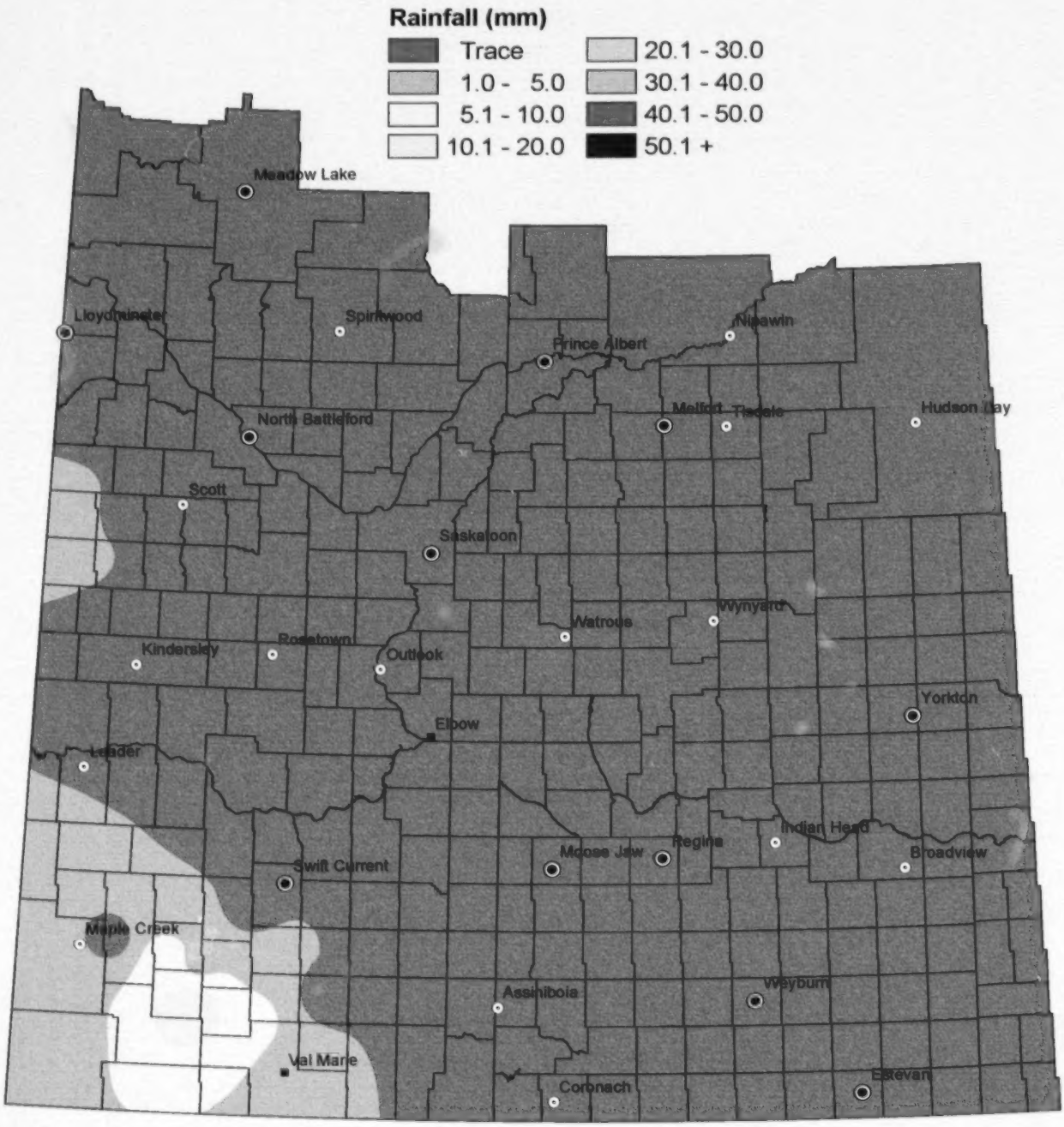
Weekly Rainfall

from April 26 to May 2, 2016



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period April 26 to May 2, 2016

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	39
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	26
	33	Moose Creek	NIL	32
	34	Browning	N/A	27
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	64	Brock	NIL	23
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	45
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	42
	122	Martin	NIL	41
	123	Silverwood	NIL	37
	124 A	Kingsley	NIL	39
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	29
	125 A	Chester	NIL	44
	125 B	Chester	NIL	28
	151	Rocanville	NIL	11
	154	Elcapo	N/A	33
	155	Wolseley	NIL	25
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	30
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	26
	97	Wellington	NIL	10
2B	127 A	Francis	NIL	19
	127 B	Francis	NIL	7.5
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	7
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	6
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	10
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	13.9
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	33
	159	Sherwood	NIL	0
	160	Pense	NIL	5
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	9
	162	Caron	NIL	16
	191	Marquis	NIL	NIL
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	32.8
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	19
	39	The Gap	NIL	30
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	43
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	38
	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	30
	43	Old Post	NIL	23
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	19
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	22
3AN	101	Terrell	N/A	N/A
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	10.4
	103	Sutton	NIL	8
	132 A	Hillsborough	NIL	12.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	18
	134	Shamrock	NIL	17
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	7
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	8
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	34.9
	18	Lone Tree	5	81.4
	75	Pinto Creek	1	27
	76	Auvergne	NIL	19
	77	Wise Creek	6	45
	78	Grassy Creek	N/A	37.6
	105	Glenbain	NIL	27
	106	Whiska Creek	1	23
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	19
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	24
3BN	138 A	Webb	N/A	36.5
	138 B	Webb	NIL	26
	166	Excelsior	NIL	12
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	38.0
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	26
	168 B	Riverside	NIL	7
	226	Victory	N/A	N/A
	228	Lacadena	NIL	NIL
	257	Monet	N/A	1

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	N/A	38
	51	Reno	4	39.9
	79	Arlington	17	52
	109 A	Carmichael	3	27
	109 B	Carmichael	10	56
	110	Piapot	NIL	25
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	16.3
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	27
	142	Enterprise	N/A	23
	231	Happyland	N/A	18
5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	43
	211	Churchbridge	N/A	31
	213	Saltcoats	NIL	10
	241	Calder	NIL	NIL
	243	Wallace	NIL	15
	244	Orkney	NIL	8
	245 A	Garry	NIL	27
	245 B	Garry	NIL	10
	245 C	Garry	NIL	16
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	9
	247	Kellross	NIL	16
	248	Touchwood	NIL	7
5B	271	Cote	N/A	NIL
	273	Sliding Hills	N/A	37
	277	Emerald	NIL	9
	305	Invermay	N/A	15
	307	Elfros	NIL	38
	308 A	Big Quill	NIL	7
	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	25
	331	Livingston	NIL	45
	336	Sasman	NIL	14
	337	Lakeview	NIL	29
	338	Lakeside	N/A	22
	366	Kelvington	NIL	18
	367	Ponass Lake	N/A	23.5
6A	190 A	Dufferin	N/A	15
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	23
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	23
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	Nil
	219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	2
	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	28
	220	McKillop	NIL	5
	221 A	Sarnia	NIL	11.4
	221 B	Sarnia	NIL	10
	222	Craik	NIL	13
	251	Big Arm	NIL	NIL
	252	Arm River	NIL	16
	279	Mount Hope	NIL	3.1
	282	McCraney	NIL	14
	312	Morris	NIL	2
	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A
	339	Leroy	NIL	21.2
	340	Wolverine	NIL	7
	341	Viscount	N/A	12
	343	Blucher	NIL	4
6B	223 A	Huron	NIL	12
	223 B	Huron	NIL	6.5
	284	Rudy	NIL	11
	285 A	Fertile Valley	NIL	0
	285 B	Fertile Valley	NIL	4
	286	Milden	NIL	NIL
	314	Dundurn	NIL	7
	344	Corman Park	NIL	1
	346	Perdue	NIL	4
	376	Eagle Creek	NIL	NIL
	403	Rosthern	NIL	NIL

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	NIL
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	NIL
	290 A	Kindersley	N/A	7.7
	290 B	Kindersley	NIL	7.8
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	9
	292	Milton	N/A	27
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	NIL
	318	Mountain View	NIL	3
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	10.5
	320 B	Oakdale	N/A	10
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	18
7B	347	Biggar	NIL	4
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	6.2
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	5
	351	Progress	N/A	8
	352	Heart's Hill	N/A	20
	377	Glenside	NIL	NIL
	378	Rosemount	NIL	3
	379	Reford	NIL	4
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	3
	382	Eye Hill	5	20.2
	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	N/A	NIL
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	22
	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	26.7
	428	Star City	NIL	32
	456	Arborfield	NIL	33
	457	Connaught	N/A	N/A
	486	Moose Range	N/A	N/A
	487	Nipawin	N/A	44
8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	7
	370 A	Humboldt	NIL	7
	370 B	Humboldt	NIL	10
	371	Bayne	NIL	9
	372	Grant	NIL	7.4
	400	Three Lakes	NIL	17
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	7
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	8
	459	Kinistino	NIL	10
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	4.3
9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	25
	520	Paddockwood	NIL	14.5
	521	Lakeland	N/A	14.5
9AW	406	Mayfield	N/A	1
	435	Redberry	N/A	4
	436	Douglas	NIL	NIL
	463	Duck Lake	N/A	1
	467 A	Round Hill	N/A	6
	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	NIL
	494	Canwood	N/A	17
9B	438	Battle River	NIL	NIL
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	4
	442	Manitou Lake	0.5	6.4
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	2
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	NIL
	499 A	Mervin	NIL	5
	499 B	Mervin	N/A	N/A
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	7
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	4
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	2
	502	Britannia	N/A	NIL
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	10
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	20
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	14
	622	Beaver River	NIL	1.3

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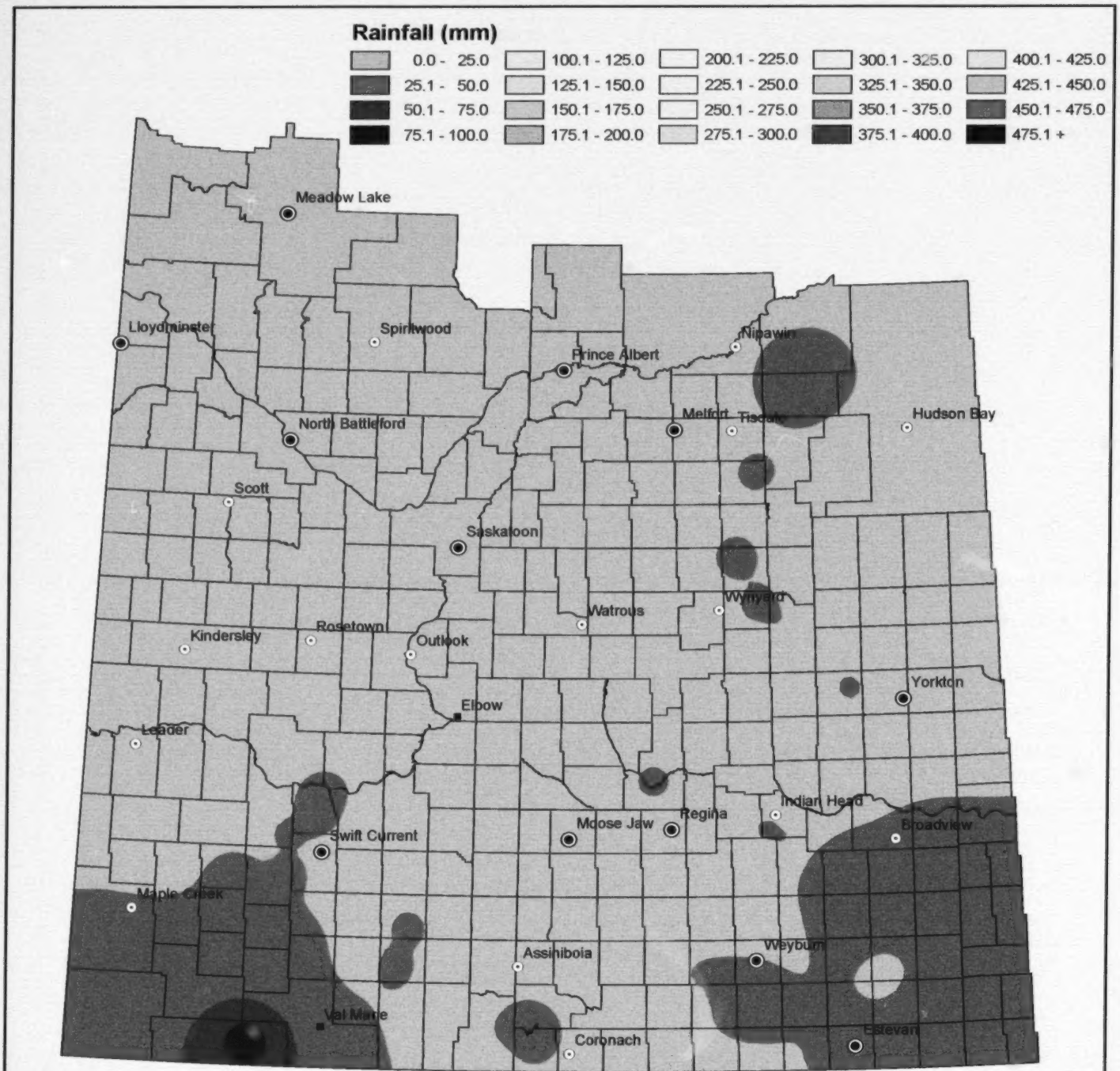

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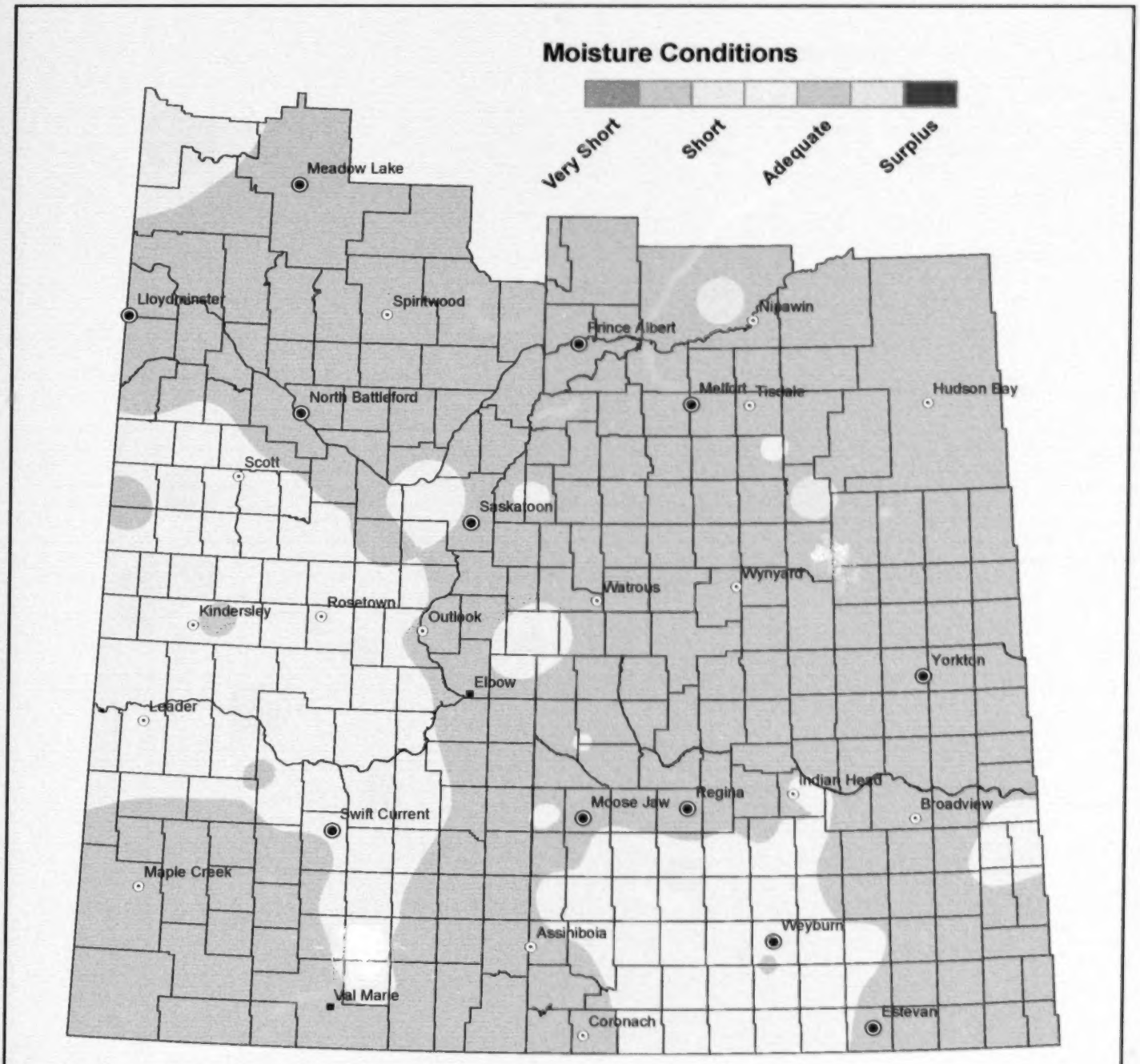

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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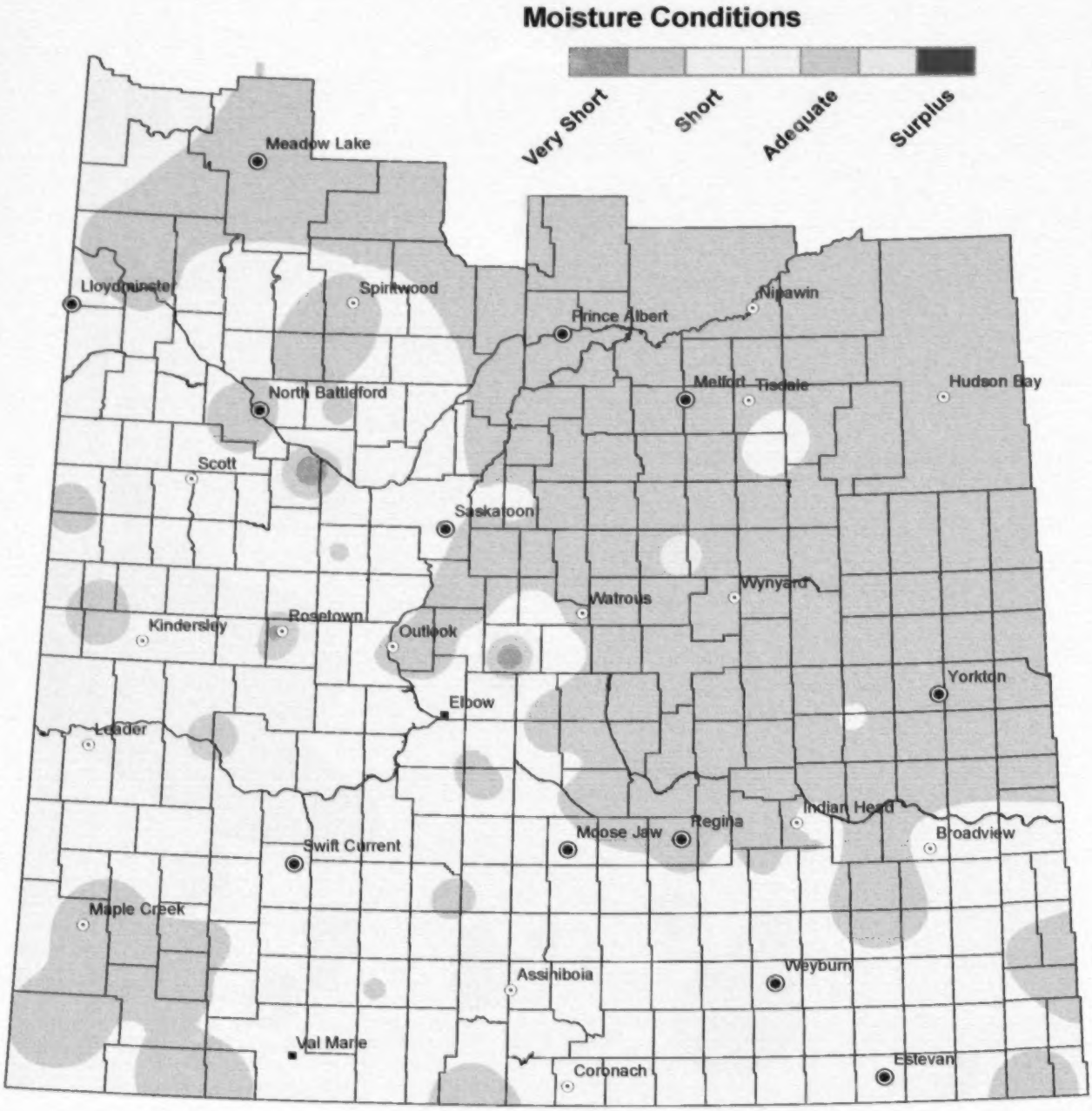

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